

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven principles which we hold as strong values and moral guides.

- *The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- *Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- *The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

We live out these principles within a “living tradition” of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience. These are the six sources we affirm and promote:

- *Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- *Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- *Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- *Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- *Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit; Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Sunday, December 1
 10:30 Worship Service
 10:45 Rel. Ed Classes (LH)
11:30 Holiday Bazaar!
 12:00 Youth Lunch (LH2,CO)
 12:00 Parent/Child class (LAR)
 12:00 PWR Leadership Home Group (MR)
 6:00p Haitians Christ. United Church (S); & HCUC childcare (LH3)

Monday, December 2
 9:00 Forest Kinderland (G)
 6:30p Al Anon (CO)
 7:00p Book Club (WR)

Tuesday, December 3
 9:00 Forest Kinderland (G)
 7:00p Meditation (S)
 7:00p Ministerial Development Team Mtg (MR)

Wednesday, December 4
 9:00 Forest Kinderland (G)
 9:30 Writers Group (MR)
 6:00p Paint n Sip in
 6:00p Pledge Drive Team (MR)

Thursday, December 5
 9:00 Forest Kinderland (G)
 4:00 Himawari class (WR)
 7:00 Choir Practice
 7:00 Comm Task Force (WR)

Friday, December 6
 9:00 Forest Kinderland (G)
 6:00p Overeaters Anon. (LH1)
 9:30p Haitian United Christian Church (S,WR)

Saturday, December 7
 9:00 Lighthouse Set Up Party(LH)
 10:00 Worship Planning Mtg (S)
 10:00 Setup for Holiday Bazaar (WR)

Sunday, December 8
 10:30 Worship Service
 10:45 Rel. Ed Classes (LH)
11:30 Holiday Bazaar!Last Day
 6:00p Haitians Christ. United Church (S); & HCUC childcare (LH3)

This Week at Saltwater U.U. Church

Where is What?

- S= Sanctuary
- WR=Welcome Room
- K=Kitchen
- LH=Entire Lighthouse,
- LAR=Lighthouse Activity Room
- LH1,2,3=Lighthouse Classrooms 1,2,3 (LH2 = Youth Rm)
- N=Nursery
- MR=Meeting Room in Office Bldg
- CO=open Chalice Area of Office
- G=Grounds/Forest
- ZR or Zoom = on line meeting

The complete calendar can be seen on SaltwaterChurch.Org home page, under the “News” tab



Project Giving Tree Continues!

December 1, 2019



SALT WATER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

News You Need to Know

December: What Does it mean to be a People of Awe?

In the month of December we’re exploring the theme of awe: that sometimes indescribable feeling of wonder or transcendence that can remind us we’re part of something larger than ourselves. When have you experienced awe? Under a star-filled sky? At the birth of a child? Listening to music? While connecting deeply with another person? Soul Matters describes the practice of being a people of awe as remembering that it’s all a gift and noticing the sacred everywhere you turn. Join us to deepen our faith together.

- Services**
- December 1 “Shared Language of Joy”
Dr. Isabel Call
 - December 8 “Numinous Experiences”
Rev. Kristen Kuriga ”
 - December 15 “The Lights of ”
Annual Music Service,
led by Thomas Burt, Music Director
 - December 22 “The Blessing of Creation: A Multi-generational Celebration of Birth,”
Rev. Kristen Kuriga & Melinda Einander, Director of Family Ministries
 - December 24, 7 pm “Hope is Born,”
Rev. Kristen Kuriga
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
 - December 29 “Title TBA,”
Carol Mohler, Lay Leader”

Shared Language of Joy **Dr. Isabel Call**
 “The creative energy that carved the Grand Canyon flows through you and me as we learn each other's truths.” -Dr. Isabel Call

Bell	Sing the Children Out	Closing Hymn
Prelude	Welcome	# 1057 Go Lifted Up
Opening Words	Offering	Benediction
Opening Hymn #395 Sing and Rejoice	Offertory	
Lighting the Advent Wreath Ritual words by Rev. Megan Dowdell	Reading “Thank you God” by e.e. cummings	Reflection Question What do you know, even if you can't possibly describe it in words?
Chalice Lighting	Joys and Sorrows	
Story for All Ages <i>The Playgrounds of Babel</i> by Jonarno Lawson, ill. by Piet Grobler, as told by Dr. Isabel Call and Melinda Einander	Meditation Hymn #30 Over My Head	Special thanks to Worship Associate Ray Valpey and our Accompanist, Oleg Dusaev
	Meditation	
	Message	
	Extinguish Chalice	

25701 14th Place South,
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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On the home page, *NEWS* tab has our calendar & publicity request form

Minister: Rev. Kristen Kuriga
Minister’s office hours are
Tues.-Thurs. 10a.m. to 3p.m.
Other times available as needed.

For appointments, email
minister@saltwaterchurch.org

Director of Family Ministries (DFM):
Melinda Einander
melinda@saltwaterchurch.org

Music Director: Thomas Burt
music@saltwaterchurch.org

From the Board

Congregational Meeting
You are invited!
December 15th Noon
in the sanctuary

Topics will include:
**Update of board priority areas of Financial Sustainability, Healthy Congregation Team and the Mission/Vision work
**Congregational feedback on a

DRAFT Mission statement
**Operational team updates.
**Voting to approve Anjali Lopez-Stuit to fill the 2 years remaining in the vacated board seat

Social Justice

Right Relationship with the World

Today's Recipient of our **Share the Plate** is The Catholic Community Services Emergency Assistance. We give one half of the day's contributions (not counting pledge payments) to valuable community resources.

- * Shop for the gift
- * Bring the unwrapped gift back to church by Dec. 12th
- * Come to the gift-wrapping party on Sunday, Dec. 15th

Winter is coming and this is a difficult time for the homeless. People who come to the Federal Way Day Center during the days are **in need** of hot easy food, socks and towels.

What's that? You *don't like* to shop? No problem...give cash or check donations to Lisa Key. She will be standing by the giving tree every Sunday before and after the service.

Please leave your donations at church, and we'll deliver them. Thank you for helping those having a hard time in the cold.

Elves wanted! If you would help put up the giving tree, set-up the wrapping party, and/or deliver the gifts to the school on Dec. 16th, I would appreciate it very much. Let me know if you're interested! Lisa Key lunderhi@gmail.com

Project Giving Tree continues! Every year, Saltwater Church provides Christmas gifts to selected Mark Twain Elementary School students and their siblings. It all starts with a Christmas tree full of gift tags in the Welcoming Room. Here's how it works:

- * Take a tag (or a few)

Growth and Learning

Never an End to Learning

Writers Group Welcomes All Writers! Wednesdays from 9:30 to noon in the Meeting Room

and join us for some lively conversations. We meet the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7pm in the Welcome Room. Queries? call Sally Caldwell 760-631-1740

Book Club

Hey! Book Clubbers! Our new book is *A First Rate Madness* by Nassir Ghaemi. It's about leadership and mental illness: a timely topic! Please read parts 1 and 2

Work Party to Prepare Lighthouse for our new Tenant! Saturday, **December 7th, 9 to 1.** Renovations are under way in the

Lighthouse we're having a work party to finish some of the smaller jobs that need to be done to prepare the space for licensing. There are jobs for people of different abilities. If you can help, please RSVP to the office administrator @saltwaterchurch.org. or simply come out. Thank you!

Community

Paint n Sip No experience required! Dec 4th, 7pm in the Welcome Room Join us for a fun night of fellowship and painting as we follow a step by step acrylic painting video. Bring a large canvas of your choice and a suggested donation of \$5 for paint. Also bring your favorite drink (with or without alcohol) and/or appetizer

to share. Teens are welcome to join us for painting. Childcare is available upon request. Please RSVP to Jessica Alexander at jazz.itup@live.com.

Creative Hands Gathering Group Creative Hands meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7pm in the Wel-

Our Ministries of Support

come Room. Please join us! We are a vibrant and supportive group of folks and would love to have you come, to do your own handwork project, join in one that's ongoing, or just to visit. For more information, please contact Lynn at 206-429-2005

Stewardship

Care for our buildings and grounds

Holiday Bazaar Dec. 1st & 8th

The Holiday Bazaar is open! The day after Thanksgiving was Black Friday, followed by shop local Saturday- The Holiday Bazaar will start the day after that. You can "Shop with A Purpose" today and help raise money for your congregation.

Nancy Corr at Nancyellencorr@hotmail.com if you can help Saturday December 7. It should take less than an hour with enough help.



We also need a small crew to set up tables on Saturday and take them down after the bazaar Sunday afternoon. Please contact

Donations for Children's Holiday Store

during the **Holiday Bazaar**. The Family Ministry Team is looking for donations as gifts to stock this year's Children's Holiday Store. Looking for new or like new items children can purchase as gifts for their loved ones. A collection box will be located in the Lighthouse. Please see Melinda Einander or Colette DeMonte for more information.

Worship

At the Center of our Spiritual Lives

Worship Planning Meeting December 7, 2019, 10 am -12 noon, Sanctuary

Join us for the quarterly worship planning meeting! Worship associates, choir members, staff, and members who are passionate about worship arts are invited to be part of this meeting. Together we will reflect on past worship services and brainstorm ideas for stories, hymns, special music, lay led services and sermons for February-April. Bring your creativity and your ideas! Please RSVP to Rev Kristen, minister@saltwaterchurch.org or 206-651-7358.

Winter Solstice Dec 21 7-9 pm

Come celebrate the return of the SUN!! Whoo Hoo!! Wear your bells and your Winter Fest best! This evening ritual will have the Sanctuary sparkling with lights. There will be singing, drumming and dancing to call the Sun back! Bring a snack to share for a party afterwards. Childcare will be provided for the children. Contact Karen Lomboy kmloboy@gmail.com



Child Dedication When a child joins a family through adoption or birth, we honor this time with a ceremony of dedication. This ceremony involves the whole congregation in promising our commitment to the spiritual growth of the child and the support of the parents. This year, Rev. Kristen will offer child dedication to children of all ages during the service **Sunday, December 22**. If you would like to have your child or children dedicated, please contact Rev. Kristen.
